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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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A RESOLUTION congratulating the teachers and students of Benjamin Banneker Elementary School, Gary, Indiana, on the school's selection as a Four Star School Award winner.

Whereas, The Four Star School Award is presented by Dr. Suellen Reed, state superintendent of public instruction, to recognize top performing Indiana schools;

Whereas, Schools receiving the award must meet all levels of expected performance under the state's performance-based accreditation system and rank in the top 25 percent among Indiana schools in each of four areas: total performance on ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress), language arts scores on ISTEP+, mathematics scores on ISTEP+, and attendance rates;

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Whereas, Benjamin Banneker Elementary School, Gary, Indiana, fulfilled these requirements for the 11th time;

Whereas, The students and teachers of Benjamin Banneker Elementary School received this honor every year because of their hard work, dedication to improvement, and a strong desire to learn;

Whereas, Students have credited the success of their school to the efforts of the principal, teachers, staff, students, and parents working together in a unified effort to maintain the high level of competency at their school;

Whereas, Principal Sarah Givens credits the success of Benjamin Banneker Elementary School to an open line of communication that exists between teachers, students, and parents; and

Whereas, Schools such as Benjamin Banneker Elementary School make a strong statement about the quality of the teachers and the high scholastic standards that exist in Hoosier schools: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 congratulate the students and teachers of Benjamin Banneker
3 Elementary School on the school's 11th Four Star School Award and
4 for the effort put forth by the students, teachers, and parents in
5 obtaining this award, and to urge them to continue to strive for
6 excellence in education throughout their lives.

7 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Sarah Givens,
9 principal of Benjamin Banneker Elementary School.

